

HOUSE No. 2851

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Matthew C. Patrick

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing contributions by energy company consumers to fund municipal renewable energy facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Matthew C. Patrick	3rd Barnstable
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Willie Mae Allen	6th Suffolk
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3058 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTIONS BY ENERGY COMPANY CONSUMERS TO FUND MUNICIPAL RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority
of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1D of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

3 All gas and electric companies shall include a space on the payment section of its bills that would allow a
4 customer to make a voluntary payment in addition to the required payment. Such additional monies shall
5 be paid over to the city or town in which the property serviced is located. Said city or town may use such
6 monies only for the purchase of renewable energy systems for public buildings and facilities. Such
7 contributions shall be treated as charitable for tax purposes.